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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

10 BRUCE THORNS,

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 S. RYAN, et al.,

14 Defendants.

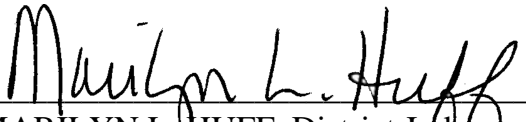
CASE NO. 3:07-CV-00218-H-AJB

**ORDER SETTING BRIEFING
SCHEDULE REGARDING
PLAINTIFF'S *EX PARTE*
MOTIONS**

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16 Plaintiff Bruce Thorns, a state prisoner proceeding *pro se*, initiated this case on
17 February 1, 2007. (Doc. No. 1.) On December 10, 2009, Plaintiff filed *ex parte* motions for
18 attendance of three incarcerated witnesses, and to compel attendance of twenty-two
19 correctional officers at his trial, currently set for February 23, 2010. (Doc. Nos. 108 & 109.)
20 The Court declines to decide the matter on an *ex parte* basis. Defendants shall file their
21 opposition to Plaintiff's motions on or before **January 11, 2010**. The Court reserves the right
22 to decide the matter on the parties' papers pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7.1(d).

23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

24 DATED: December 22, 2009

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27 MARILYN L. HUFF, District Judge
28 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT